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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

In the prosecution of United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/081,110 (the "'110 Application"), the parent of the present application, Applicants submitted trial exhibits from *Crossroads Systems, Inc. v. Pathlight Technology, Inc.*, 1:00cv00248 (W.D. Tex.) (the "Pathlight Litigation") and *Crossroads Systems, Inc. v. Chaparral Network Storage, Inc.*, 1:00cv00217 (W.D. Tex.) (the "Chaparral litigation"). Several of these trial exhibits included United States and foreign patents. The Examiner requested that the Applicants separately list patent references from the trial exhibits. Accordingly, the attached PTO/SB/08A form includes, among other references, references that were previously submitted as part of the trial exhibits. To the extent that any of references A1-A16 were separately listed in the prosecution of the '110 Application, Applicants are submitting them again to comply with the Examiner's request to call out patents found the trial exhibits. The following summarizes the listed references for the convenience of the Examiner.

References A1-A7 were each included in the exhibits from both the Chaparral litigation and the Pathlight litigation. References A9-11 and B1-B3 were included in the exhibits from the Chaparral litigation. References A8 and A12-A16 were included in the exhibits from the Pathlight litigation. Copies of references A1-A16 are included for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants note that in the Pathlight Litigation and the Chaparral litigation, Crossroads Systems Inc., asserted United States Patent Number 5,941,972 (the "'972 Patent") against the respective defendants. The Pathlight Litigation settled with a consent decree that the '972 Patent is valid.

References A19-A30 and A33-A46 were cited in an Office Action mailed January 21, 2003 in related United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/174,720. Copies of references A19-A30 and A33-A46 are enclosed.

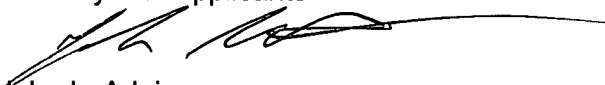
Reference A47 was cited in the Notice of Allowance for United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/174,720. A copy of reference A47 is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Additional references include A17-A18, A31-A32, B4, C1-C3. Copies of these references are included for the convenience of the Examiner.

While Applicants believe no fees are due, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP.

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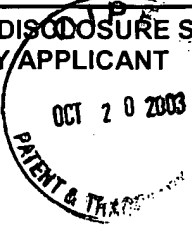


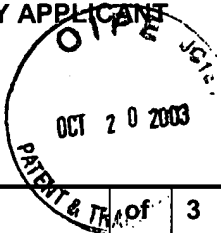
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